

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEFFREY MILLER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jeffrey Miller.

Jeffrey currently serves as the President of the Holocaust Memorial Research and Education Center of Florida. In 2010, he was instrumental in conceiving and implementing the Upstanders Stand Up to Bullying Initiative. This ongoing and highly recognized program has since been implemented in the public middle schools of Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

The Upstanders Initiative is a multi-year program which has served thousands of Central Florida students by teaching them to safely recognize bullying behavior, report it to teachers, parents, and counselors, and, most importantly, learn "upstander" rather than "bystander" behavior. Jeffrey has been responsible for raising significant amounts of money for the funding of this program through a partnership with David Yurman, the luxury jewelry retailer, as well as by representing the Center before grant-making agencies. In the schools where this program has been implemented, a significant percentage of students have reported that they have learned to identify bullying behavior and are willing to take steps to prevent it. School officials have reported a significant change in the percentage of students who are willing to be "upstanders."

Jeffrey and his husband, Ted Maines, have served as the Co-Chairs of the Holocaust Center Dinner of Tribute in 2012 and 2013 and as Co-Chairs of the 2013 Inaugural Gala for the Orlando Ballet. These events raise significant amounts of money for the operational expenses of the organizations. Jeffrey has served as an Honorary Host for the United Cerebral Palsy fundraising gala in 2014, is on the Host Committee for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Grand Opening in 2014-15, and will once again serve as the Ballet Gala's 2014 Co-Chair. Jeffrey has also served on the Steering Committee of the Equality Florida annual gala and as Chair of the Table Committee for the Hope and Help Headress Ball.

Jeffrey and Ted have hosted fund raisers in their home for the Orlando Ballet and Planned Parenthood, as well as numerous political fund raisers, including the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee Spring fund raiser in 2012. Jeffrey has been consistently named to the 50 Most Powerful list by Orlando Magazine. Together with Ted, has also been recognized as the Number One Power Couple by that publication—the first gay couple to achieve that recognition.

Jeffrey is a member of and contributor to the Human Rights Campaign Federal Club,

the Gift of Life Circle for Hope and Help of Central Florida, and the Acquisition Trust of the Orlando Museum of Art. In addition to the Holocaust Center, Jeffrey has served on the Board of the GLBT Community Center of Central Florida and as Treasurer of Temple Israel.

I am happy to honor Jeffrey Miller, during LGBT Pride Month, for his work on behalf of youth and the arts as well as his outstanding civic engagement in the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF CHIEF MIKE DAVIS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Gig Harbor, Washington's Chief of Police, Mike Davis, for his many years of public service to our community.

Chief Davis's career is evidence of his commitment to serving the community. Davis joined the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department nearly 30 years ago on July 1, 1984. During his time in Kitsap County, he served as a corporal, sergeant, undersheriff, and sheriff.

Serving as Gig Harbor's Police Chief since 2004, Davis has been an invaluable resource to our community and has dedicated himself to ensuring the safety of all residents. Under his tenure, Davis has helped the department upgrade and streamline vital technology, has maintained the department's response time of less than four minutes, and has bridged the gap with the community by encouraging the department's customer-service directed model. With his upcoming retirement, he succeeds in being the longest-serving police chief in the city of Gig Harbor's history.

Davis has gone above and beyond to make our community a better place. In his work as a D.A.R.E. officer in the Kitsap County Sheriff's department, he worked to prevent drug abuse among the area's youth. As Police Chief of the Gig Harbor Police Department, Davis established the Jaycox Police Benevolent Fund. In addition to helping Project Safe Harbor and the department's Citizens Offering Police Support program, the Jaycox Fund provides scholarships to high school seniors who strive to work in criminal justice one day.

Davis has dedicated himself to serving his community, and as someone who lives in that community and who is raising two little girls, I'm enormously grateful for that. He will retire on June 30, 2014, after protecting our region for exactly 30 years. Despite his retirement, Davis's work will remain an inspiration in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by again applauding Davis for his dedication to serving the people of Kitsap County and Gig Harbor. He is an extraordinary first responder and a great American. I am honored to recognize his service today in the United States Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA CHROME

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize California Chrome and his team for their outstanding performance in the 2014 Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes.

California Chrome was the winner of the Kentucky Derby on May 3 and the Preakness on May 17, and had an excellent showing at the Belmont Stakes on June 7, where he tied for fourth place. His family, Perry and Denise Martin reside in Yuba City, which is in my district. I am proud to have them as constituents.

The Martins bought California Chrome's mother for only \$8,000, a bargain by horse racing standards, and the horse's success is a true "rags-to-riches" story. The Martins conducted thorough research in selecting the dam, Love the Chase, which further contributed to California Chrome's success. California Chrome inspired thousands of fans and brought a renewed sense of excitement to the races. His success shows us that no matter our background, we can rise to greatness with a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work.

His family has also made a number of important contributions to California and our entire nation. Perry Martin has worked on electronic failure analysis and environmental quality testing at McClellan business park north of Sacramento for more than a decade. He is the author of a 500-page textbook titled "Electronic Failure Analysis Handbook" and has briefed Congress and the Air Force Chief of Staff regarding avionics and weapons systems.

Congratulations to California Chrome, his jockey Victor Espinoza, trainer Art Sherman, the Martin family, and their co-owner Steve Coburn. California Chrome is a source of pride for California's 3rd Congressional District and I look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF HARWICH MIDDLE SCHOOL'S STRIDES IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTALISM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Harwich Middle School's environmental group, Harwich Cares.

The forty members of Harwich Cares have spent the past year educating their peers and the Harwich community about ways to reduce their energy consumption. Their efforts have included a community cleanup, an energy-efficient light bulb sale and giveaway, and visits

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